

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending, with claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31 and 36 being independent. The dependent claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in response to the Examiner's objections. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31 and 36 have been rejected as being anticipated by Koyama (U.S. Patent 6,753,654). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Koyama does not describe or suggest a depletion mode transistor such as is recited in each of claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31 and 36. While the rejection asserts that the transistor Tr2 of Koyama's Fig. 2 is a depletion mode transistor, this is not the case. In particular, Tr2 is not configured as a depletion mode transistor and Koyama nowhere even mentions depletion mode operation.

Claims 1, 11 and 31 have been rejected as being anticipated by Nishitoba (U.S. Patent Publication US2002/0196212). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Nishitoba does not describe or suggest a depletion mode transistor such as is recited in each of claims 1, 11 and 31. While the rejection asserts that the transistor (8) of Nishitoba's Fig. 3 is a depletion mode transistor, this is not the case. In particular, transistor (8) is not configured as a depletion mode transistor and Nishitoba nowhere even mentions depletion mode operation.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30, 32-35 and 37-40 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Koyama. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because, as discussed above, Koyama does not describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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